

York 2/1 mo. '73

Dear <sup>Dr</sup> <sub>Ed</sub> Dr Gray

I am in rec<sup>t</sup> of the two letters, also of the 2 roots of Cypripedium from Mr Clark (which looks "promising"!). also a number of roots of Erythronium (same as before I suppose?).

Pkt of Hannanella I send on to Kew, as it will be more fit for their collection than ours. Primula suffruticosa seems all right so far. The Brodiaea coccinea is cau<sup>e</sup> all right.

Dr Parry's dried spec<sub>s</sub> &c will probably be here soon (in a few days I expect). Our new Fern

Catalogue is preparing for the  
press. The old stock is exhaus-  
ted, or I w<sup>d</sup> have sent one before.  
The new one will not be very  
long before it is ready.

I will take care that Dr. Hooker  
is well supplied with the  
things sent to us, but it is  
better every way that we  
should establish them  
first, as I believe we do  
this better (i.e., more quickly)  
than they, at Kew.

In much haste, & desir-  
ing much happiness for the  
new year to the & thine

I remain very sincerely  
Dr. Backhouse